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### **JUDGE WARNS AGAINST INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERAL BIRD LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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Referring to what he said appeared to be an interference with enforcement of the Federal migratory-bird law on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Judge William C. Coleman pronounced a warning in Federal Court at Baltimore recently, the U. S. Biological Survey reports.

The migratory-bird act, Judge Coleman pointed out, is a law of this country, based on a treaty with Great Britain, and any interference with its enforcement can not be tolerated. This, he said, must be understood by everyone, whether or not they like the law and the restrictions imposed by regulations under it.

Judge Coleman's pronouncement followed a case presented by Assistant U. S. Attorney C. Ross McKenrick and based on evidence obtained by enforcement officers of the Biological Survey. The defendant, Judeston Evans, of Crisfield, Md., was charged with possessing wild ducks in excess of the bag limit. He was adjudged guilty by the Court, fined \$150 and costs, and ordered committed until payment.

At the same court session Judge Coleman fined Edgar C. Ruark, of Taylor's Island, \$50 and costs, and James C. Porter, of Cambridge, Md., \$25. Ruark and Porter pleaded guilty to killing wild ducks by aid of bait and live decoys.

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